



ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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**Elk Grove CSD Fire Department News Release:
VEHICLE CRASHES INTO ELK GROVE HOME**

Date/Time of Incident: June 25, 2003, 5:59 p.m.

Type of Emergency: Structure Fire

Location: 9296 Malheur Way

Incident Number: 03066943

Elk Grove, CA – A car crashed into an Elk Grove half-plex and sparked a fire that destroyed that home and damaged another just before 6:00 p.m. this evening.

Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) Fire Department crews were dispatched at 5:59 p.m. after multiple calls were received from the Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS 9-1-1 dispatch center reporting a vehicle into a home with fire, and people trapped inside. Crews arrived on scene at 6:04 p.m. and reported a working fire in the half-plex, one vehicle into the home also involved in fire, two additional damaged vehicles, and a gas line break that was “feeding the fire.” A second alarm was called for at 6:08 p.m. to bring additional resources to the scene.

Two patients – the driver of the vehicle and a resident of the half-plex -- were treated for injuries and transported by ambulance to area hospitals. Information gathered by Elk Grove Police Department at the scene suggest that neighbors freed the driver of the vehicle from the wreckage and assisted with the evacuation of the three people from the home prior to the Fire Department’s arrival. Additional information on the condition of the patients is not available for Fire Department release.

The house next door to the incident sustained moderate fire and smoke damage, but was “saved” from significant damage by Elk Grove and Sacramento fire crews. The adjoining half-plex unit sustained minor smoke damage. Firefighters contained the blaze fueled by the broken gas line until PG&E crews secured the line at 8:29 p.m. Electricity to 12 homes in the neighborhood was shut-off during the incident, however, that was restored by SMUD as of 9:20 p.m. Fire crews remain on the scene at this hour assisting with the removal of the vehicles from the scene, securing the residence with construction crews, and monitoring “hot spots.” Damages are estimated at \$350,000 including the home, its contents, and the value of the three vehicles involved.

Elk Grove Police Department investigators have determined that the driver of the vehicle was experiencing medical problems just prior to the crash.

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Incident Commander: Battalion Chief John Michelini
Number of Engines: 6
Number of Trucks: 2
Number of Ambulances: 2
Special Equipment: Air Unit 75 (for tank refilling)
Number of Firefighters: 30
Number of Chief Officers: 2

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